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In accordance with 37 CFR §1.56, the references listed in the attached form PTO-1449 (2) are being brought to the Examiner's attention for consideration in connection with the above-identified application. Copies of the non-US patent references (documents identified as F - H) are enclosed. Applicants note that the following references cited in the corresponding Great Britain application (GB 0325019.3) are part of the same patent family, as shown in the previously disclosed International Search Report:

FR 2590443A  
EP 0156749A  
US 4916856.

The fourth patent cited in the GB search report (FR 2673072) appears to be unrelated, and a copy is enclosed.

Sincerely,

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**OTHER DOCUMENTS**

EXAMINER INITIALS	IDENTIFIER	INCLUDE: AUTHOR, TITLE, DATE, PERTINENT PAGES, ETC.
	<b>G</b>	<b>Great Britain - Combined Search and Examination Report under Sections 17 and 18 (3); dated March 15, 2004; (6 pages).</b>
	<b>H</b>	<b>PCT Written Opinion of the International Searching Authority; (PCT/EP2004/012144); dated April 4, 2005; (6 pages).</b>

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